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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 23, 2002

APPLICATION OF

CASE NO. PUE-2002-00063

THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY
d/b/a ALLEGHENY POWER

For a 2001 Annual
Informational Filing

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME IN
WHICH TO FILE ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL FILING

On January 24, 2002, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") granted the request of The Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power ("Allegheny" or "the Company") for a waiver of Rule 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9 of the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings, requiring the filing of Schedules 15 through 17, Schedule 19, and Schedule 20, as part of Allegheny's AIF employing a test year of the twelve months ending December 31, 2001. That Order directed Allegheny to file its abbreviated AIF on or before April 30, 2002.

On April 19, 2002, Allegheny, by counsel, filed a Motion with the Commission requesting an extension of time from April 30, 2002, to May 31, 2002, in which to file its AIF for

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the calendar year 2001. In support of its Motion, Allegheny advised that it was experiencing difficulties in meeting the April 30, 2002, deadline due in part to the implementation of a new accounting system and unanticipated problems encountered in preparing Schedule 30, Jurisdictional Study. According to the Company, since Schedule 30 is utilized in preparing other schedules in the AIF, i.e., Schedule 9-Rate of Return Statement-Earnings Test, Schedule 10-Net Original Cost Rate Base-Earnings Test, and Schedule 12-Detail of Earnings Test Adjustments, the Company maintains that it will not be able to complete its AIF by April 30, 2002, but represents that it will submit its AIF earlier than the extended deadline requested in the event it is able to prepare the necessary schedules.

On April 22, 2002, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Staff") filed a Response to Allegheny's Motion. In its Response, the Staff advised that it did not oppose the Company's request for an extension of time in which to file the AIF.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered Allegheny's request and having been advised by its Staff, is of the opinion and finds that the Company's request for an extension of time in which to prepare and file its AIF for the twelve months ended December 31, 2001, should be granted; and that the time in which

Allegheny shall file its abbreviated AIF shall be extended from April 30, 2002, to May 31, 2002.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Allegheny's April 19, 2002, Motion for Extension in Filing Deadline is hereby granted.

(2) Allegheny shall file on or before May 31, 2002, its abbreviated AIF for the twelve months ending December 31, 2001, in accordance with the directives found in the Commission's January 24, 2002, Order Concerning Annual Informational Filing.

(3) This matter shall be continued pending further orders of the Commission.